

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Martin FISCHER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2168
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Application No.: 10/656,208	)	Examiner: Jay A. MORRISON
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Filed: September 8, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 7499
	)	
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR	)	
CONTROLLING ACCESS TO A	)	
DATA OBJECT	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants submit this preliminary amendment in conjunction with a concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination. In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 27, 2006 ("Office Action"), the period for response having been extended to May 30, 2007, by a request for extension of two-months and fee payment electronically filed concurrently herewith, Applicants amend this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 10.